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AID ACTIVITY IN YEMEN

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(TEXT) CAIRO--AKHBAR AL-YAWM REPORTS THAT THE ACTIVITY OF THE AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT IN YEMEN HAS CHANGED FROM DEVELOPMENT TO GATHERING INFORMATION ABOUT YEMEN AND ATTEMPTS TO ENLIST YEMENI AGENTS AND CREATE AN PRO-U.S. POLITICAL TREND WITHIN THE COUNTRY.

THE PAPER SAYS THAT DURING THE LAST FIVE MONTHS AID'S ACTIVITY DEVELOPED INTO SABOTAGE OPERATIONS INCLUDING THE TRANSPORTATION OF ARMS AND AMMUNITION WITHIN YEMEN AND PARTICULARLY IN TAIZZ, WHICH IS CLOSE TO THE BORDER. A CONSIGNMENT OF ARMS SNUGGLED INTO TAIZZ WAS CONFISCATED LAST MARCH.

THE PAPER SAYS THAT U.S. ACTIVITY IN YEMEN BEGAN IN 1959, WHEN AN AID AGREEMENT WAS SIGNED WITH IMAM AHMAD. THE CONSTRUCTION OF A WATER FILTRATION PLANT IN TAIZZ WAS COMPLETED A YEAR AGO. THE AGENCY HAS ALSO CONSTRUCTED SOME ROADS. UNDER THESE PROJECTS THE NUMBER OF AMERICANS IN YEMEN INCREASED. THE AGENCY USED TO PROCRASTINATE IN IMPLEMENTING ITS PROJECTS SO AS TO KEEP ITS EXPERTS THERE AS LONG AS POSSIBLE. THE PAVING OF THE TAIZZ-SANA ROAD TOOK FIVE YEARS TO COMPLETE, WHILE THE SANA-AL-DAYDAH ROAD WAS COMPLETED BY THE CPR IN TWO YEARS.

THE PAPER ADDS THAT THE STRANGE METHOD BY WHICH THE TAIZZ-SANA ROAD WAS PAVED REQUIRED MAINTENANCE CENTERS ALONG THE ROAD. UNDER THIS COVER THE AID BUILT SEVERAL STATIONS ALONG THE YEMENI TERRITORY BORDERING THE OCCUPIED SOUTH. THE DUTIES OF THESE STATIONS WERE TO COLLECT INFORMATION AND ESPIONAGE.

DURING THE IMAM'S RULE AID ATTEMPTED TO STAGE A COUP IN FAVOR OF HIS BROTHER AL-HASAN IN AN ATTEMPT TO ABSORB THE PEOPLE'S INDIGNATION. THE 26 SEPTEMBER REVOLUTION FOILED THIS ATTEMPT, HOWEVER, AND DID AWAY WITH THE IMAMATE RULE.

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